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COLD STORAGE REPORT AS OF JANUARY 1, 1940

January 1 cold storage holdings of apples, as reported to the Agricultural Marketing Service, totaled the equivalent of 26,182,000 bushels. This quantity is 384,000 bushels smaller than on hand January 1, 1939, and 1,076,000 bushels below the 5-year (1935-39) average.

Stocks of manufactured dairy products were reduced materially during December. Net withdrawals of creamery butter totaled 34,315,000 pounds and total stocks of all varieties of cheese were reduced by 4,034,000 pounds. Holdings of both these commodities were well below those of a year earlier. Butter stocks totaled approximately 73 million pounds less than those of January 1, 1939, and $8\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds below the 5-year average. Cheese holdings were 12 million pounds smaller than a year earlier but about 1 million above average.

Shell eggs were moved out of storage to the extent of 1,047,000 cases and frozen egg meats 15,538,000 pounds, or a net total case-equivalent out-movement of 1,491,000. Total case-equivalent stocks of both shell and frozen eggs were 499,000 cases above those of a year earlier but 129,000 cases less than the 5-year average.

Total stocks of all frozen fruits were reduced during the month by 13,464,000 pounds compared with reductions during December 1938 of 12,569,000 and the 5-year average of 6,435,000 pounds. Holdings totaling 128,116,000 pounds exceeded those of a year earlier by 2,355,000 and the 5-year average by 35,123,000 pounds.

Stocks of frozen vegetables were reduced by 3,897,000 pounds from December 1, 1939, but were 6,601,000 pounds in excess of those of January 1, 1939.

A heavy volume of poultry moved into cold storage during December. Stocks on hand January 1, 1940, were almost 40 million pounds greater than the December 1, 1939, holdings. They exceeded stocks on January 1, 1939, by slightly above 28 million and the 5-year average by more than 29 million pounds.

Total frozen and cured meat holdings showed a net increase during December 1939 of 172 million pounds. The increase for the same period a year earlier was 155 million and the December 5-year average increase 160 million pounds. January 1 stocks were 81 million pounds heavier than those of a year earlier but 68 million lighter than the 5-year average for January 1.

Lard stocks were almost doubled during December. The accumulation from December 1, 1939, to January 1, 1940, totaled 72 million pounds. This quantity compares with an increase for December 1938 of 33 million and a 5-year average increase of 24 million pounds.

The report on percentage of available space occupied in public cold storage warehouses was compiled and reported for the first time by the Agricultural Marketing Service with the January 1 cold storage report. Of 413 public warehouses asked to cooperate 212 responded. From these 212

houses, 203 questionnaires were usable. The results indicate that for the United States as a whole 45 percent of the cooler space available and 65 percent of freezer space was occupied. Total cooler and freezer space occupied totaled 52 percent of that available. Details by geographic divisions will be found on page 10.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage holdings of apples reported were the equivalent of 26,182,000 bushels. This quantity is 384,000 bushels less than on hand January 1, 1939, and 1,076,000 bushels below the January 1 (1935-39) 5-year average. The net out-of-storage movement during December totaled 4,806,000 bushels. This quantity compares with net withdrawals for the same period a year earlier of 4,249,000 bushels and the 5-year average of 4,220,000 bushels.

Stocks of pears, which totaled 1,190,000 boxes and baskets, were 214,000 below those of January 1, 1939, but 147,000 above the 5-year average.

FROZEN FRUITS

Stocks of all frozen fruits reported totaled 128,116,000 pounds. This quantity is 2,355,000 pounds greater than that on hand on January 1 a year ago and 35,123,000 pounds above the 5-year average. Of the total reported, 24,231,000 pounds were unclassified as to variety.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Stocks of frozen vegetables, totaling 72,145,000 pounds, were 6,601,000 pounds in excess of those of January 1, 1939. Net withdrawals during December 1939 were 3,897,000 pounds compared with 3,309,000 pounds for December a year earlier. Of the total reported, 4,638,000 pounds were unclassified by variety.

Contents of January 1 Cold Storage Report

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(See table on page 8 for January 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Jan. 1, 1939	Dec. 1, 1939	Jan. 1, 1940
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	466	221	237	203
Apples.....Western boxes..	13,953	13,037	12,350	10,293
Apples.....Eastern boxes	-	-	8,711	7,556
Apples.....bushel baskets	11,907	12,866	9,216	7,724
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	27,258	26,566	30,988	26,182
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	-	15	60	41
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	-	8	8	2
Pears, all other varieties..boxes.....	1,000	1,294	1,708	1,135
Pears.....bushel baskets	43	87	32	12
FRUITS, FROZEN ^{1/}				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	Data	3,355	6,410	5,556
Blueberries....."	for	5,048	4,945	5,095
Cherries....."	these	20,617	24,623	22,965
Logan and similar berries.."	earlier	3,242	3,049	2,645
Raspberries....."	years	8,578	9,140	8,194
Strawberries....."	not	35,902	40,507	37,342
Other fruits....."	compara-	20,801	21,002	22,088
Classification not reported "	ble	28,218	31,904	24,231
TOTAL....."		92,993	125,761	141,580
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus.....pounds.....		3,688	6,544	7,011
Beans, lima....."		13,087	15,935	14,565
Beans, snap....."	His-	5,315	6,863	6,565
Broccoli, green....."	torical	1,085	1,726	1,756
Corn, sweet....."	data	6,347	6,973	6,673
Peas, green....."	not	22,498	24,026	21,888
Spinach....."	avail-	3,440	6,412	6,195
Other vegetables....."	ble	2,924	3,176	2,854
Classification not reported "		7,160	4,387	4,638
TOTAL....."		65,544	76,042	72,145

^{1/} See also table on page 10 showing reported segregation by small and large containers.

Net withdrawals of creamery butter from cold storage during December 1939 totaled 34,315,000 pounds. This out-of-storage movement compares with 31,862,000 and 29,684,000 pounds for December 1938, and the December 5-year average, respectively. Dairy Products Marketing Association stocks were reduced by 1,963,000 pounds, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief holdings by 1,260,000, and commercial stocks by 31,092,000 pounds.

Total butter stocks on hand on January 1, 1940, were 73,302,000 pounds below those of the same date a year earlier and 8,582,000 pounds below the 5-year average.

The net out-of-storage movement of all varieties of cheese was somewhat less than normal for the month. The reduction, which totaled 4,034,000 pounds, compares with 7,266,000 for December 1938 and 5,799,000 pounds for the 5-year average. Total stocks of all cheese were 11,991,000 pounds less than those of the same date a year ago but 927,000 pounds above average.

Egg stocks - shell and frozen meats - were reduced during the month by the equivalent of 1,491,000 cases. This reduction is somewhat lighter than that of December 1938 and the 5-year average. Total stocks on hand January 1 were the equivalent of 499,000 cases in excess of those of January 1 a year earlier but 129,000 cases below average.

The seasonal into-storage movement of frozen poultry was considerably in excess of normal. This is reflected in stocks on hand January 1. The total increase from December 1, 1939, to January 1, 1940, was 39,809,000 pounds. This compares with 21,020,000 for December a year earlier and 24,399,000 pounds for the 5-year average. Holdings, totaling 167,458,000 pounds, exceeded those of January 1, 1939, and the January 1 average by 28,350,000 and 29,481,000 pounds, respectively. Turkeys showed the greatest increase from a month ago, 25,795,000 pounds. This increase in turkey holdings compares with 4,651,000 pounds for the same period a year earlier and 8,795,000 pounds, the 5-year average.

(See table on page 9 for January 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Jan. 1, 1939	Dec. 1, 1939	Jan. 1, 1940
CREAM		- Thousands -		
Forty percent.....40-qt.cans	103	192	117	94
Twenty percent....." "	4	2	-	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds....	64,050	128,770	89,783	55,468
DPMA holdings....."		* 87,074	12,119	10,156
FSCC & Relief holdings.. "		8,732	5,979	4,719
Commercial stocks....."		* 32,964	71,685	40,593
Packing stock....."	246	140	31	18
CHEESE				
American....."	92,731	102,563	90,219	86,785
Swiss including block....."	5,146	6,037	6,126	6,049
Brick and Munster....."	803	651	926	1,014
Limburger....."	1,022	902	1,154	1,060
All other varieties....."	7,554	10,021	13,792	13,275
TOTAL CHEESE....."	107,256	120,174	112,217	108,183
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	679	302	1,580	533
Frozen.....pounds....	71,675	62,903	87,802	72,264
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	2,048	1,797	2,509	2,065
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	2,727	2,099	4,089	2,598
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds....	16,201	11,552	10,570	11,166
Fryers....."	14,984	15,078	11,387	12,783
Roasters....."	32,662	33,984	25,537	31,083
Fowls....."	24,442	23,823	23,602	27,717
Turkeys....."	23,785	22,762	26,498	52,297
Ducks....."	4,617	6,739	8,064	5,849
Miscellaneous poultry....."	21,286	25,170	21,991	19,222
Unclassified frozen poultry "	3/	3/	3/	7,345
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.. "	137,977	139,108	127,649	167,458

* Revised.

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 81 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of January 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites - 33 percent; Yolks - 21 percent; and Mixed - 46 percent.

3/ Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

MEATS AND LARD

The net into-storage movement of frozen and cured meats during December was somewhat above normal for that period. The increase between December 1, 1939, and January 1, 1940, totaled 172 million pounds. This compares with an increase of 155 million pounds during December 1938 and 159 million pounds for the December 5-year average.

Stocks, which totaled 645 million pounds, were in excess of those of a year earlier by 81 million but were 68 million pounds below average.

Frozen and cured beef holdings were 21 million pounds heavier than those on hand January 1, 1939, but 33 million pounds lighter than average.

Stocks of frozen and cured pork at the beginning of 1940 were 37 million pounds above those of a year earlier but 35 million below average.

The unusually heavy accumulation of lard noted in the December 1, 1939, report continued through December at an even heavier rate. The net increase in stocks totaled 72 million pounds, which compares with 33 million pounds for December 1938 and 24 million, the 5-year average. January 1, 1940, holdings of lard were 54 million pounds above the January 1, 1939, stocks and 66 million above the January 5-year average.

(See table on page 9 for January 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Jan. 1, 1939	Dec. 1, 1939	Jan. 1, 1940
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	89,888	42,421	54,384	64,967
In process of cure.....	17,442	12,678	10,289	10,932
Cured.....	4,684	3,088	2,999	3,089
TOTAL BEEF.....	112,014	58,187	67,672	78,988
PORK				
Frozen.....	168,632	151,923	87,100	176,403
Dry salt in process of cure.....	37,211	35,553	29,446	41,357
Dry salt cured.....	24,136	21,283	15,353	25,705
Pickled in process of cure.....	165,413	138,329	133,781	142,223
Pickled cured.....	106,589	83,016	66,592	81,728
TOTAL PORK.....	501,981	430,104	332,272	467,416
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	4,850	3,541	4,187	4,890
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	94,355	72,040	68,970	93,823
TOTAL MEATS.....	713,200	563,872	473,101	645,117
LARD.....	95,550	107,421	88,955	161,319

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1940

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	1	616	2,357		1,274	10,229
Other States.....		820	380		711	856
NEW ENGLAND.....		1,436	2,737	3	1,985	11,085
New York.....	67	3,883	10,364		6,828	39,437
New Jersey.....	1	9,001	4,363		4,433	12,436
Pennsylvania.....	4	1,603	1,498		4,193	4,766
MIDDLE ATLANTIC...		14,487	16,225	134	15,454	56,639
Ohio	8	1,941	543		3,756	2,242
Indiana.....		306	51		604	3,403
Illinois.....	4	23,463	3,408		12,238	36,205
Michigan.....		1,358	925		1,235	2,028
Wisconsin.....	4	355	45,766		890	1,073
EAST N. CENTRAL...		27,423	50,693	257	18,723	44,951
Minnesota.....		1,399	956		1,203	6,400
Iowa.....		126	53		2,822	3,870
Missouri.....	3	2,160	2,344		9,977	10,584
Nebraska.....		791	350		2,914	13,491
Kansas.....		373	170		2,957	3,288
Dakotas.....		392	-		14	42
WEST N. CENTRAL...		5,241	3,873	46	19,887	37,675
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		1,080	3,272	24	2,552	2,230
Kentucky.....		669	233		724	2,195
Tennessee.....		514	372		1,064	739
Alabama & Mississippi		214	348		306	96
EAST S. CENTRAL...		1,397	953	4	2,094	3,030
Oklahoma.....		74	8		2,835	239
Texas.....		864	1,451		3,288	409
Arkansas & Louisiana.		83	200		594	167
WEST S. CENTRAL...		1,021	1,659	6	6,717	815
Colorado.....		347	470		395	386
Other States.....		370	981		52	493
MOUNTAIN.....		717	1,451	10	447	879
Washington.....		843	587		1,163	3,053
Oregon.....		29	712		266	1,521
California.....		1,794	4,623		2,976	5,580
PACIFIC.....		2,666	5,922	49	4,405	10,154
Other States, combined for cream only.....	2					
UNITED STATES.....	94	55,468	86,785	533	72,264	167,458

APPLE AND PEAR HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATES

APPLES

STATE	January 1, 1940					January 1, 1939
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
- <u>Thousands</u> -						
Vermont.....	-	-	135	-	135	58
Connecticut....	-	-	342	-	342	277
Massachusetts..	-	25	927	2	954	445
New York.....	34	11	4,011	1,480	5,604	4,483
New Jersey.....	-	11	257	373	641	866
Pennsylvania...	12	20	287	976	1,319	1,425
Ohio.....	-	7	188	408	603	354
Indiana.....	-	5	45	168	218	160
Illinois.....	1	25	209	486	723	677
Michigan.....	-	1	273	601	875	856
Wisconsin.....	-	13	26	65	104	83
Minnesota.....	-	45	1	15	61	87
Missouri.....	1	34	6	471	514	372
Virginia.....	141	70	570	1,852	2,915	2,735
West Virginia..	7	10	41	321	393	350
Texas.....	-	56	-	-	56	73
Washington.....	-	8,161	-	-	8,161	9,804
Oregon.....	-	594	-	-	594	874
California.....	-	1,057	-	-	1,057	1,672
Other States...	7	148	238	506	913	915
UNITED STATES.	203	10,293	7,556	7,724	26,182	26,566

PEARS

STATE	January 1, 1940	January 1, 1939
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
- Thousands -		
New York.....	19	103
New Jersey.....	16	22
Pennsylvania.....	19	15
Illinois.....	9	12
Washington.....	128	140
Oregon.....	827	903
California.....	132	160
Other States.....	40	49
UNITED STATES.....	1,190	1,404

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, JANUARY 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
FRUITS, FRESH										
Apples.....barrels.....	-	46	2	4	150	1	-	-	-	203
Apples.....Western boxes.....	28	43	51	83	97	5	57	117	9,812	10,293
Apples.....Eastern boxes.....	1,586	4,555	741	7	667	-	-	-	-	7,556
Apples.....bushel baskets.....	11	2,827	1,726	628	2,416	65	6	43	-	7,724
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.....	-	4	1	1	3	-	1	-	31	41
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.....	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Pears, all other varieties.....boxes.....	2	41	16	2	11	2	5	3	1,053	1,135
Pears.....bushel baskets.....	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	12
FRUITS, FROZEN										
In small containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	6	32	71	7	14	2	6	-	54	192
Blueberries....."	165	998	287	24	96	-	1	-	1	1,572
Cherries....."	142	523	187	99	69	17	4	1	25	1,067
Logan and similar berries....."	6	65	150	10	17	1	1	-	345	595
Raspberries....."	158	233	382	86	103	2	15	-	479	1,458
Strawberries....."	1,009	1,513	1,509	421	1,707	21	531	28	6,523	13,262
Other fruits....."	63	1,933	1,136	77	428	188	35	-	1,527	5,387
In bulk or large containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	50	1,447	462	175	433	95	21	20	2,661	5,364
Blueberries....."	340	1,832	826	432	55	38	-	-	-	3,523
Cherries....."	219	14,006	5,910	727	242	64	29	127	574	21,898
Logan and similar berries....."	56	49	207	115	-	-	2	1	1,620	2,050
Raspberries....."	1,566	1,703	1,221	1,214	77	94	12	-	849	6,736
Strawberries....."	1,149	6,473	4,415	3,833	1,169	269	1,055	154	5,563	24,080
Other fruits....."	367	21,723	8,848	733	1,134	522	428	143	7,034	40,932
Total, all containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	56	1,479	533	182	447	97	27	20	2,715	5,556
Blueberries....."	505	2,830	1,113	456	151	38	1	-	1	5,095
Cherries....."	361	14,529	6,097	826	311	81	33	128	599	22,965
Logan and similar berries....."	62	114	357	125	17	1	3	1	1,965	2,645
Raspberries....."	1,724	1,936	1,603	1,300	180	96	27	-	1,328	8,194
Strawberries....."	2,158	7,986	5,924	4,254	2,876	290	1,586	182	12,086	37,342
Other fruits....."	430	23,656	9,984	810	1,562	710	453	143	8,561	46,319
VEGETABLES, FROZEN										
Asparagus.....pounds.....	126	4,994	729	451	91	19	86	6	509	7,011
Beans, lima....."	247	11,313	1,446	580	427	66	83	12	391	14,565
Beans, snap....."	52	4,772	481	88	359	2	62	5	744	6,565
Broccoli, green....."	27	1,158	123	23	139	9	21	1	245	1,756
Corn, sweet....."	383	2,999	1,000	668	327	37	54	4	1,201	6,673
Peas, green....."	1,113	10,906	2,906	1,202	487	88	354	24	4,808	21,888
Spinach....."	99	4,590	881	118	115	12	42	6	332	6,195
Other vegetables....."	86	2,701	624	921	447	10	203	601	1,899	7,492

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, JANUARY 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D.)

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Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
<u>DAIRY PRODUCTS</u>										
Cream, Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	2	72	16	4	-	-	-	-	-	94
Cream, Twenty percent....."	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butter, creamery 1/.....pounds.....	1,436	14,487	27,423	5,241	1,080	1,397	1,021	717	2,666	55,468
Butter, packing stock....."	-	6	-	5	4	-	3	-	-	18
Cheese, American....."	2,737	16,225	50,693	3,873	3,272	953	1,659	1,451	5,922	86,785
Cheese, Swiss including block....."	-	1,440	4,042	39	51	30	81	68	298	6,049
Cheese, Brick and Munster....."	-	48	731	53	12	3	21	141	5	1,014
Cheese, Limburger....."	-	166	836	29	1	1	2	1	24	1,060
Cheese, all other varieties....."	256	8,905	1,313	226	141	1,097	137	196	1,004	13,275
Eggs, shell.....cases.....	3	134	257	46	24	4	6	10	49	533
Eggs, frozen.....pounds.....	1,985	15,454	18,723	19,887	2,552	2,094	6,717	447	4,405	72,264
<u>FROZEN POULTRY</u>										
Broilers.....pounds.....	284	1,461	2,993	4,625	118	167	-	58	1,425	11,166
Fryers....."	286	1,686	6,612	3,795	88	149	8	69	90	12,783
Roasters....."	3,217	11,702	8,919	6,415	364	161	16	12	277	31,083
Fowls....."	1,192	8,695	8,953	6,471	307	567	274	236	1,022	27,717
Turkeys....."	5,062	22,273	9,592	7,116	790	176	299	372	6,613	52,293
Ducks....."	592	3,609	1,197	114	170	19	12	1	135	5,849
Miscellaneous poultry....."	447	5,952	6,307	3,497	372	1,763	171	123	590	19,222
Unclassified frozen poultry....."	5	1,261	378	5,642	21	28	-	8	2	7,345
<u>MEATS and LARD</u>										
Beef, frozen.....pounds.....	1,767	8,737	25,999	13,029	2,861	1,017	7,167	498	3,892	64,967
Beef, in process of cure....."	10	1,207	6,694	2,382	185	48	117	102	187	10,932
Beef, cured....."	10	842	1,582	560	11	-	3	9	72	3,089
Pork, frozen....."	3,338	10,366	51,650	93,042	7,044	1,975	3,173	1,297	4,518	176,403
Pork, dry salt in process of cure....."	307	1,869	13,018	19,509	3,883	990	994	224	563	41,357
Pork, dry salt cured....."	180	438	9,880	11,759	2,053	228	690	269	208	25,705
Pork, pickled in process of cure....."	6,293	9,181	51,364	59,844	3,468	1,886	3,825	1,869	4,493	142,223
Pork, pickled cured....."	2,230	2,594	31,993	38,342	1,627	405	762	1,199	2,576	81,728
Lamb and mutton, frozen....."	212	1,613	1,159	1,274	108	2	264	65	193	4,890
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal....."	1,627	9,608	29,237	39,653	4,902	1,335	2,977	1,645	2,839	93,823
Lard....."	2,355	5,851	106,558	39,519	1,471	859	1,824	611	2,271	161,319

1/ Includes DEFA, FSOC, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN LARGE AND SMALL CONTAINERS
DECEMBER 1, 1939, and JANUARY 1, 1940

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	December 1	January 1	December 1	January 1
	- Thousand pounds -			
Blackberries.....	192	192	6,218	5,364
Blueberries.....	1,266	1,572	3,679	3,523
Cherries.....	1,113	1,067	23,510	21,898
Logan and similar berries..	681	595	2,368	2,050
Raspberries.....	1,560	1,458	7,580	6,736
Strawberries.....	13,563	13,262	26,944	24,080
Other fruits.....	2,770	4,125	18,232	17,963
Classification not reported	3,387	1,262	28,517	22,969
TOTAL	24,532	23,533	117,048	104,583

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OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE

The Agricultural Marketing Service, at the request of the Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, has undertaken an additional inquiry each month to determine what proportion of the space available for cold storage in public warehouses is occupied. Each month these warehousemen are to be asked to report the net number of cubic feet of piling space they have in coolers and freezers separately, and the number of cubic feet of each occupied on the first of the month. From these reports the Service hopes to derive and publish dependable average percentages of occupancy each month, by geographic regions. If the inquiry receives the necessary cooperation of warehousemen and results prove satisfactory, the derived monthly percentages should ultimately serve a valuable purpose in indicating the degree to which available cold storage facilities are utilized at various seasons of the year, and furnish extremely useful measures of change in the extent of occupancy, comparing one year or period with another. The results of the first inquiry are as follows:

Geographic division	Percentage of space occupied, January 1, 1940		
	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
New England.....	47	60	54
Middle Atlantic.....	49	75	57
East North Central.....	46	61	52
West North Central.....	37	67	49
South Atlantic.....	58	66	60
East South Central.....	26	64	32
West South Central.....	39	61	44
Mountain.....	37	51	42
Pacific.....	37	60	42
UNITED STATES.....	45	65	52